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1. ALL MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES MAY 31 GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO THE NATO SUMMIT AND PM DEMIREL'S CONSULTATIONS WITH ALLIED LEADERS. MOST REPORTED THAT SOME EUROPEAN LEADERS PRAISED PRESIDENT FORD FOR HIS REAFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT TO NATO ALLIES AND THAT DEMIREL ATTACKED THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY AS A "SELF-DESTRUCTIVE
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ACTION." IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE DEMIREL-CARAMANLIS MEETING

WOULD TAKE PLACE SATURDAY MORNING.

2. HEADLINES INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING: "JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FOLLOWING NATO SUMMIT. AMERICA WILL ANSWER ATTACK ON NATO MEMBERS. WILSON ASKS FOR RECONCILIATORY ATTITUDE; DEMIREL CRITICIZED BRITISH ATTITUDE ON CYPRUS"-IN MILLIYET (LIBERAL REFORMIST; "NATO SHOULD ABANDON PRACTICE OF SELF-DESTRUCTION," DEMIREL SAID-PM DEMIREL TALKED WITH WILSON AND KISSINGER YESTERDAY-WE REJECTED AMERICA'S MEDIATION-TURKISH-GREEK TALKS WILL START TODAY BETWEEN DEMIREL AND CARAMANLIS"-IN TERCUMAN (CONSERVATIVE); "FORD WANTS SOLID RESULTS FROM DEMIREL-CARAMANLIS TALK- HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE ACCEPTED GREEK CYPRIOT CASE AGAINST TURKEY"-IN CUMHURİYET(MODERATE LEFT); "SOLE OBJECTIVE OF DEMIREL-CARAMANLIS TALK IS TO PREVENT AN ARMED CLASH- DEMIREL ATTACKED AMERICA: 'THE EMBARGO IMPOSED ON TURKEY IS AMERICA'S SELF-DESTRUCTION'-CARAMANLIS OFFERED BASES TO FORD" IN GUNAYDIN (MASS CIRCULATION, POPULAR); AND "NOTHING BUT WORDS-DEMIREL-CARAMANLIS TALK WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY-GREECE, IF IT RETURNS TO NATO, WILL RECEIVE NOT ONLY U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR PAST SEVEN YEARS BUT ALSO \$400 MILLION FROM AMERICA"-IN HURRIYET (MASS CIRCULATION, POPULAR).

3. MILLIYET GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO THE NATO SUMMIT, INCLUDING EXCERPTS FROM THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, UNDER THE HEADLINE "THE UNITED STATES WILL ANSWER AN ATTACK DIRECTED AGAINST ANY OF THE NATO MEMBERS."

4. AN UNSIGNED HURRIYET EDITORIAL CONSIDERED THE MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS AS "FRUITLESS WORK." THE EDITORIAL DESCRIBED THE REMARKS BY DEMIREL FOLLOWING HIS TALK WITH FORD AS INDICATIVE OF DEMIREL'S INTEREST IN TRYING TO INFLUENCE TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION RATHER THAN TRYING TO REACH A POSITIVE RESULT IN HIS TALK WITH FORD. THE EDITORIAL ALSO COMPLAINED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT GIVEN "EVEN THE SLIGHTEST SIGN" OF AN UNDERSTANDING FOR THE TURKISH VIEWPOINT IN GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS.

5. HURRIYET CORRESPONDENT METIN TOKER, REPORTING FROM BRUSSELS, WROTE THE TIME IS WORKING AGAINST TURKEY IN TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS EXISTING BETWEEN GREECE

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AND TURKEY. HE REPORTED THAT THE TURKISH DELEGATION RECOGNIZED THAT THERE "IS BITTER ISOLATION OF TURKEY IN THE WORLD" AND HE ASKS "WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE CONTINUE TO DENY REQUESTS FOR SOME CONCESSIONS?" TOKER COMPARED TURKEY'S POSITION ON CONCESSIONS WITH THAT OF GREECE, SAYING THAT GREECE AT GENEVA MADE A MISTAKE BY WAITING TOO LONG AND THAT "THE SAME THING COULD HAPPEN TO US."

6. HURRIYET COLUMNIST CUNEYT ARCA YUREK, REPORTING FROM BRUSSELS, WROTE THAT MOST POLITICAL OBSERVERS SEE LITTLE HOPE OF TURKEY AND GREECE BEING ABLE TO FIND A MUTUAL APPROACH FOR SOLVING THEIR PROBLEMS. HE REPORTED FORMIN CAGLAYANGIL AS SAYING " WHY ARE YOU LOOKING FOR RESULTS?. SUCH A TALK PROVIDES THE PARTIES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPLAINING THEIR PROBLEMS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. ARCA YUREK GOES ON TO SAY THAT "ACCORDING TO THE TURKISH DELEGATION THE MOST POSITIVE RESULT OF THE TALK COULD BE A STEP TOWARDS DISCUSSION OF CERTAIN ISSUES AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL, BUT THEY EXPRESS ONLY A SLIGHT HOPE FOR IT.

7. GUNAYDIN COLUMNIST MEHMET BARLAS REPORTED THAT THE RESUMPTION OF U.S. MILITARY AID TO TURKEY WAS NOT ACHIEVED DURING THE BRUSSELS MEETING THAT ONLY INCONSEQUENTIAL MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED AND THAT NOTHING MORE CONCRETE SHOULD BE EXPECTED FROM THE DEMIREL-CARAMANLIS TALK.

8. ANOTHER GUNAYDIN COLUMNIST, ERDOGAN ALKAN, SUGGESTED THAT IF "THE NORTH ATLANTIC ORGANIZATION INTENDS TO MAINTAIN ITS EXISTENCE, IT SHOULD FIRST ELIMINATE FRICTION AMONG ITS MEMBERS AND ADJUST ITS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE."

9. ALI SIRMEN , WRITING IN LEFTIST DAILY CUMHURİYET, REPORTED THAT DESPITE DEMIREL'S "HARS STATEMENTS CLAIMING THAT THERE WERE NO CONCESSIONS, DEVELOPMENTS INDICATE THAT THERE ARE CONCESSIONS." SIRMEN STATES THAT THESE CONCESSIONW "WILL NOT HELP THE PEACE ON THE ISLAND," BUT WOULD ONLY "BRING TURKEY TO THE LINE OF SURRENDER." ALSO WRITING IN CUHMURİYET, ERGUN BALCI SUGGESTED THAT "A GESTURE BY TURKEY FOR AN HONORABLE PEACE IN CYPRUS AND FOR ITS INDEPENDENCE, AND TURKEY'S IMPARTIALITY AND FREEING HERSELF FROM THE FOREIGN BASES WOULD BE APPROVED BY THE WHOLE WORLD, EXCLUDING THE UNITED STATES AND SOME NATO COUNTRIES."

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